

57th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **57th Scripps National Spelling Bee** was held in Washington, D.C. at the Capital Hilton on May 30–31, 1984, sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Company.

The winner was 13-year-old Daniel Greenblatt of Sterling, Virginia, who correctly spelled "luge" for the win.^{[2][3]} Greenblatt was the first winner ever sponsored by a weekly newspaper, the *Loudon Times-Mirror* of Leesburg, Virginia.^[2] Second place went to 13-year-old Amy McWhirter of St. Joseph, Michigan, who missed "towhee".^{[2][1]}

There were 151 contestants this year (up from 137 the prior year), 78 girls and 73 boys. Fourth- to eighth-place spellers made it to the second day of competition.^[4] A total of 606 words were used.^{[2][5]}

The first-place winner received \$1000.^[2] Alex Cameron was the pronouncer, in his fourth year in that role.^[6]

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External links

- Final 45 seconds of 1984 bee (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGhO4MgynjY>), via NBC News Archives on YouTube

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The Capital Hilton, site of the 57th National Spelling Bee

Date	May 30–31, 1984
Location	The Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. ^[1]
Winner	Daniel Greenblatt
Age	13
Residence	Sterling, Virginia
Sponsor	<i>Loudoun Times-Mirror</i>
Sponsor location	Leesburg, Virginia
Winning word	luge
No. of contestants	151 ^[2]
Pronouncer	Alex Cameron
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